Players Demand Best

The exacting demands of the present-day golfing public know no bounds. Five years ago if the grass on the fairway was a little long and the ball half buried, the player put a little more beef on his iron shot, grunted and took it all as part of the game—but not today. Nowadays, the player insists on a perfect lie on every inch of the fairway and in rainy weather if you let the fairways go three days without cutting they raise merry hell. The men are bad enough but—oh, the women! They'll kick if the mowers slide a little and leave patches uncut.

Consider rough maintenance. Four-inch length of grass in the rough is the limit nowadays on high-class courses, whereas a few years ago they used to mow the rough a couple of times a year with a hay mower. The day has gone by when a player will wade through daisies up to his knees looking for a lost golf ball. When a ball slices over into the rough the player wants to find it and find it quick.

More Grass and More Mowing

Then, again, all this fertilizing of fairways makes the grass grow so doggoned fast and thick that you have to be cutting oftener anyway. So that, all in all, I agree with you that the machinery is the stuff, but I don’t altogether agree that the clubs are spending less money. They’re probably spending pretty nearly as much money as ever, but doing much more work for the same money and securing a much better conditioned course.

Until recently, practically all the work on greens was hand work, but now this end of the maintenance game threatens to be revolutionized by the invasion of power machinery of one sort and another. A lot of wise guys think that this will enable them to cut the labor force and save money, but I have my doubts. I think it’s going to work out just like it did on the fairways. More greens machinery but more work to be done, due to kicks of players with consequent proposed saving wiped out by additional service demands.

Not long ago I attended a demonstration of a gang power greens mower. This baby looked like the answer to the maiden’s prayer and cut a green in about twelve minutes. A bunch of metropolitan greenkeepers were also watching this baby and thinking their individual thoughts. It may not be long before power greens mowers will be in universal use and the hand power mower will go on the long

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Several thoughts went chasing through my brain-pan as I watched this latest development in greens mowing. As you know the greens are more or less the center of the golf course. If they go bad or are in poor playing condition you can hear the kicks clear over in Paris. The members groan at poorly conditioned fairways, but poor-play greens mean that the greenkeeper's hide will be nailed to a door.

Now, suppose I buy a power greens mower for that wealthy golf course I manage up on Long Island. Right away we'll say it displaces the six men who mow three greens apiece each morning. On this basis, according to your ideas, I could cut the payroll one and one-half men and save at least one grand per annum. O.K. Suppose I do just that very thing. Everything goes along jake until some Fourth of July morning at 7:10 a.m., whereupon a one-lung gas engine on a greens mower develops a temperamental streak and quits cold, with a vital part on the fritz, the service station closed, the greens with a 24-hour beard standing up on end and 250 members in white pants due at 9 o'clock.

Prays for Perfect Motors

Now, don't tell me that such an occurrence is decidedly improbable. I've been monkeying with one-lung gas engines for the last 20 years and I'm telling you the damned things always select the worst possible moment to go bad. When I take my final mortal breath and take the express elevator down to hell to join up with the vast multitude of good scouts en residence I expect to find two commodities in abundance. I refer to mother-in-laws and one-lung gas engines. It couldn't possibly be hell without 'em. However, I must say that the way they have been improving these motors gives us considerable hope for a cheerful hereafter.

Well, after scratching the old bean for a moment I suppose you'll tell me to push the motor into the shed and drag out the six hand mowers and get the greens mowed that way. O.K., but don't forget I'm one and a half men short and there's

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a hell of a lot of other work to be done;  
that the hand mowers may not be in the  
best of shape and some of the men may  
not know how to push a hand greens  
mower any more than I know how to knit  
stockings; to say nothing of the money we  
have tied up in those hand mowers that  
are idle 98 per cent of the time and using  
up storage space. No, sir, it won't work  
out that way.  

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It simply means that when I get ready  
to substitute a gang type, power greens  
mower equipment for our present hand  
mowers I can't buy just one power mower.  
No, sir. In self-defense I've got to buy  
two gang power mowers so that if one  
goes bad I have the other to fall back on.  
That means more investment in greens  
mower equipment, more depreciation and  
interest, etc., etc. Furthermore, the lad  
that runs that power mower must be bet- 
ter than a common laborer and he'll have  
more jack in his pay envelope on Friday  
night than the rest of the common help,  
and of course all these extra items of ex- 
 pense are going to sort of eat into that  
thousand dollars you said I would save, so  
that when all is said and done maybe I'll  
only save $500 after all, which of course  
ain't to be sneezed at. That $500 is your  
ample reason, anyway, for using the  
machines.

However, just about the time I think I  
have that $500 on ice some of our mem- 
bers will play a round at Piping Rock or  
Pine Valley and right then and there the  
fat is in the fire and the lamb chops are  
all over the kitchen floor.

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They'll come to me and say, "Oh, Mr.  
Leach, you should have seen those greens.  
They were wonderful. Do you know  
that they cut those greens twice a  
day, first thing in the morning and again  
right after luncheon? The greens were  
simply wonderful and smooth at 3:30.  
Why can't we have our greens like that  
at 3:30? Why don't you mow our greens  
twice a day," and so on, ad nauseum.

Right then and there the 500 I thought  
I had safe in the old sock is all shot to  
hell. We will be doing twice as much  
mowing with power as we formerly did  
with hand mowers and the cost will be the

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We are going to have more machinery on golf courses than the wisest lad ever dreamed of. There will be no end to it, and if 1931 course maintenance could be arbitrarily set up as the standard beyond which it would be illegal to go, then the golf clubs would have a fine show of saving a lot of dough. But you and I know that the world does move and the standard of course maintenance will increase as markedly and rapidly as the machine is capable of taking up the slack. It simply means better courses for the same money. Any cut in maintenance costs will in all probability be of a very transient nature.

Sincerely yours,
B. R. Leach.

P. S.—I note by June GOLFDOM that the Green Section has finally admitted greenkeepers into the sacred portals of their advisory board. Of course a thing like this makes it pretty tough for us writing bozos. For years when I couldn't think of anything else to write or talk about I could always get a big hand by panning the Green Section for freezing out the greenkeeper. Now the Green Section turns around and steals my thunder. This writing game is getting to be a horrible nightmare. What with all the factions in the golf racket compromising and cooperating and kissing each other on both cheeks it's getting so there ain't hardly a single issue to raise hell about. When you and Joe have a little spare time on your hands give me a line on something else in the golf racket that needs readjusting so I can keep in practice and not lose my pep.

B. R. L.

Write GOLFDOM whenever your club does "something different." Especially if the stunt makes money for the club or increases member enthusiasm. We want to pass it on to other clubs and pass their ideas back to you.
Green Section Announces Heavy Meeting Schedule

FOURTEEN meetings of the U. S. G. A. Green Section, more than twice the number held heretofore, are scheduled for this summer during the period from July 7 to Sept. 24, at various courses and experiment turf gardens of the East and Middle-West, according to the Green Section program just released.

At all of these meetings opportunity will be afforded to compare different strains of grasses, different fertilizer tests, and the results of different turf practices. The meetings will be open to any one interested in turf problems whether or not he is affiliated with a club supporting the work of the Green Section. Twelve of the meetings will be held at demonstration turf gardens on the golf courses listed below, and one each at the Arlington and Mid-West experiment turf gardens.

July 7: 1 p.m. Lochmoor Club, Detroit, Mich.
July 20; 10 a.m. Arlington Turf Garden, Arlington, Va.
July 27; 3 p.m. Charles River C. C., Boston, Mass.
Aug. 3; 3 p.m. Philadelphia C. C. (Spring Mill Course), West Conshohocken, Pa.
Aug. 4; 3 p.m. Oakmont C. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Aug. 10; 3 p.m. Century C. C., White Plains, N. Y.
Aug. 17; 3 p.m. Sedgefield C. C., Greensboro, N. C.
Aug. 19; 3 p.m. C. C. of Virginia (James River Course), Richmond, Va.
Aug. 26; 3 p.m. Hyde Park G. & C. C., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Aug. 28; 3 p.m. Indian Trails G. Cse., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Aug. 31; 4 p.m. Mid-West Turf Garden, Mill Road Farm G. Cse., Everett, III.
Sept. 8; 3 p.m. Westwood C. C., St. Louis, Mo.
Sept. 10; 10 a.m. Tulsa C. C., Tulsa, Okla.
Sept. 24; 3 p.m. Municipal G. Cse., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

At the Arlington turf garden meeting on July 20, inspection of the garden, which will begin at 10 a.m., will be followed by an outdoor luncheon and program of speakers. Those traveling by automobile can drive directly to the garden, which is located on the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture experiment farm near Arlington, Va. To reach the farm from the north, visitors
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"Give Due Credit," Greensman Counsels G. M. Aspirants

FROM AL SCHARDT, grounds superintendent at Wanakah C. C. (Lake View, N. Y.) comes a statement that deserves thought when general management policies are under consideration. Schardt warns against the danger of a general supervising executive hogging the glory for the course superintendent’s achievement. It’s been GOLFDOM’s observation that there is just enough of this evil to seriously interfere with a fair judgment of the general management idea. However, we’re glad to say that in every successful case of general management that we have seen close-up, the operation is successful because the responsibilities and rewards—in comment and cash—are fairly distributed.

When the “general manager” notion flops, most of the times it is because harmony is absent following just such selfishness as Schardt mentions when he writes:

“...A recent article in GOLFDOM says that the greenkeeper has nothing to lose and everything to gain when real business management is applied to golf clubs, and that there should be no qualms about their chief being a man who does know and appreciate their work.

“Now where, may I ask, do the so-called chiefs or managers get their information about greenkeeping? Certainly not sitting in the office going over a lot of bills for material and equipment that has been purchased for grounds maintenance, or playing a round of golf or listening to a lot of mediocre golfers discussing their game in
the locker room. No, my dear Major, to
know the work of the greenkeeper gen-
erally takes more time and real practical
experience than can be obtained by the
average bookkeeper or cook who finally
works up to the position as club manager.

"Isn't it enough worry for the green-
keeper to have to explain each year to
newly elected officials all the fundamen-
tals of the job without having to be ac-
countable to a manager who doesn't know
the first thing about course maintenance;
and is not the greenkeeper somewhat of a
diplomatic manager himself if he can sat-
isfy 300 to 500 members, keep the ma-
chinery going and his men satisfied on a
job where they are only employed seven
to nine months of the year?

"I don't think the average greenkeeper
who knows his business, objects to work-
ing under a manager, providing the man-
ger is a man with a high enough rating
so that he doesn't have to go around
among the members soliciting comments
on the fine condition in which he is keep-
ing the course. Greenkeepers are very
modest and don't expect a lot of glory for
what they do. All they want is a fair sal-
ary and a reasonable budget, and they will
do their best, but they do object—and with
every right—to having a manager who
never saw a golf course and who has 100%
contact with the membership, step in and
take the credit for the wonderful condition
the course is in.

"There are a lot of good club managers
and a lot of good greenkeepers, but there
are also a lot of good bookkeepers who
think they are managers as well as a lot
of good tractor and mower men who think
they are greenkeepers. A good green-
keeper doesn't need a manager."

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**Where Do Canned Goods Fit in Country Club Cooking?**

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We asked Libby, McNeil & Libby what assortment of canned goods a country club commissary should stock. Below are described the foodstuffs they suggest.

**Country** club commissaries are not unlike those of the average good city club, except that country club requirements for feeding, per capita, are a little larger due to the more strenuous outdoor exercise of the members. One of the best regulated country club commissaries we know has standardized on the best grades of a nationally advertised canner by reason of the general satisfaction resulting in the dining-room and the consequent reduced number of complaints.

In this particular club, sandwiches play an important part in dining-room sales,
presumably on account of the speed with which they may be prepared and served and because they are a fairly profitable item. With each sandwich this club serves ripe and Spanish queen olives and small sweet pickles as a garnish. Various types of sandwich filling are used, from the old reliable baked ham to more fancy filling made from a combination of chopped olives, mayonnaise and chopped meat, either canned corned beef, ham or veal. Fruit salad is a strong favorite with women at country clubs and is growing rapidly in popularity with the male members.

The well-stocked club commissary should provide for daily use a rather complete assortment of the best grades of canned fruit, canned pineapple, quart and gallon containers of olives (both Spanish, queens, stuffed queens and ripe), smaller sizes of sweet and sour pickles, and dills large enough to cut in halves and quarters, yet small enough to be dainty and appetizing in appearance. A stock of the best grades of canned vegetables, including such staples as string beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, asparagus, is required, and for general use and always for emergencies an assortment of canned container-cooked hams, corned beef and veal loaf should be on hand.

Hot chili con carne is growing in popularity in country clubs for late-in-the-evening service. Corned beef hash with poached egg has always been a popular breakfast dish. Salmon is used for salads...
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These products cover only such items among the staples as are referred to as "canned goods," but they make up a very important and large part of the club diet, for they are in constant demand and if carefully selected lend themselves to satisfactory dining-room profits and a pleased clientele. The margin between fancy and mediocre grades in canned foods is narrow on a per portion basis, thus eliminating any contention in favor of cheaper grades. Nationally advertised canned foods, such as are found in most of the best country club and hotel store rooms, are of the fancy grade and their use avoids possibility of complaint concerning the quality of the food served, especially when prepared by chefs of better than mediocre experience.

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